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192. (New) The method of claim 191 further comprising engaging a peripheral edge of the wafer with a plurality of fingers when the wafer is supported by the wafer support.
 193. (New) The method of claim 191 further comprising rotating the wafer support when the wafer is in the interior of the processing bowl.
 194. (New) The method of claim 191 further comprising draining a quantity of the processing chemical from the fluid-receiving space.
 195. (New) The method of claim 191 further comprising delivering a gas to an annular gas-receiving recess positioned above a downwardly-oriented face of the wafer and restricting flow of the gas into the interior of the processing bowl.

REMARKS

The present amendment amends the specification and replaces all of the original claims in the application with new claims 54-195. The present specification as filed incorporated by reference U.S. Patent 5,235,995 (the " '995 patent"). The present amendment explicitly adds Figures 1-26 from the '995 patent, adds column 4, line 6 – column 5, line 11 of the '995 patent to the Brief Description of the Drawings section; and adds column 5, line 20 – column 25, line 24 to the Detailed Description of the Preferred Embodiments section. The cross reference to related applications has also been amended to refer to the three preceding parent applications, to update the status of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 07/855,767, which has issued as U.S. Patent No. 5,431,421, and to add a priority claim to U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 07/526,243, which issued as U.S. Patent 5,168,887.

The undersigned is scheduled to meet with Examiner Lorengo to discuss this application at 11:00 am on Tuesday, 9 October. This amendment is being hand-delivered to the Examiner to afford the Examiner an opportunity to review the amendment in advance of the interview if his schedule permits.

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Appendix A (Substitute specification)

Appendix B (Marked-up version of substitute specification)

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